7. National Sports Championship for Women

8. Scheme of State Sports Academies

9. Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations

10. Talent Search & Training.

In addition, the Sports Authority of India implements the following sports promotion schemes in the country:—

1. National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)

2. Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)

3. SAI Training Centre (STC)

4. Special Area Games (SAG)

5. Centres of Excellence (COX).

(b) Sportspersons who have excelled at the international level in prestigious events like the Olympics, Asian and Commonwealth Games and World Championships were benefited from the above schemes of the Government as well as SAI. Sportspersons like Lt. Col. R.V.S. Rathore, Anju Bobby George, Abhinav Bindra, Anjali Bhagwat, Gagan Narang, Samresh Jung, Pankaj Advani were assisted and provided financial and technical support for their preparation, both within the country and abroad.

(c) Achievement is primarily on account of individual talent, persistence aid drive. Government's efforts are aimed at encouraging and inviting such talent.

Sports Complex at Udupi

2864. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for construction of sports complex at Udupi district is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when a final decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Till 31.3.2005, the Ministry was

supplementing the efforts of the State Government for creation of sports facilities including Sports Complexes by providing Central assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Schemes in accordance with the approved pattern subject to the receipt of viable proposals from the State Government. Government decided to transfer the Sports Infrastructure Schemes to the State sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005. Thus, fresh cases of Sports Infrastructure projects will have to be funded by State Governments out of their own resources. All State Governments were informed accordingly in February, 2005. However, the Planning Commission has indicated that funds to the extent of committed liabilities will be provided for ongoing approved Sports Infrastructure projects during the remaining period of the X Plan only.

The proposal for construction of sports complex at Udupi was received in the Ministry but some clarifications had been sought on the proposal. As no liabilities had been committed by Government of India till 31.3.2005, the proposal has not been pursued for assistance.

Trained Coaches for States

†2865. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that earlier States were provided with the services of NIS trained coaches by Sports Authority of India;

(b) whethe this scheme has been discontinued;

(c) by when the said scheme would be introduced in Madhya Pradesh and other States; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The coaches from District Coaching Centres (DCC) have been redeployed; however, coaches are still working in the State Coaching Centres Scheme (SCC) of Sports Authority of India (SAI).

(c) The schemes mentioned in reply to part (b) above are being implemented all over the country including the State of Madhya Pradesh.

(d) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the que on was received in Hindi.